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AMCONSUL ASMARA

INFO AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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TAGS: PINS CASC ET

SUBJECT: TENNECO FIVE

REFS: (A) ADDIS 3917; (B) OTTAWA 1013; (C) ASMARA 235

1. DEPT APPRECIATES AND SUPPORTS INITIATIVES WHICH EMBASSY AND CONGEN HAVE TAKEN IN HANDLING OF THIS DIFFICULT PROBLEM. LIKE EMBASSY, DEPT IS CONCERNED AT PASSAGE OF TIME SINCE RECEIPT OF ELF MESSAGE AND APPARENT LACK OF PROGRESS TOWARD RELEASE OF THE MEN.

2. WE HAVE NO REPEAT NO OBJECTION TO HAVING USG OFFICIALS (CONSUL PERRY) SERVE ON PROPOSED COMMITTEE TO BE ORGANIZED BY IEG AND WHICH WOULD SERVE IN CONSULTATIVE AND ADVISORY CAPACITY TO IEG IN DEALING WITH ELF FOR RELEASE OF TENNECO FIVE. SUCH REPRESENTATION COMPLETELY CONSISTENT WITH PERRY'S CONSULAR PROTECTIVE FUNCTION AND HOPEFULLY WOULD BE HELPFUL IN KEEPING PRESSURE ON IEG TO ACCELERATE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN PROMPT RELEASE OF CAPTIVES. IN INTRA-CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS, PERRY SHOULD STRESS THAT PRIMARY

OBJECTIVE IS TO OBTAIN SAFE RETURN OF THE FIVE HOSTAGES. IN THIS CONNECTION WE WOULD HOPE THAT IEG MILITARY WOULD TAKE NO ACTION WHICH COULD POSSIBLY ENDANGER LIVES OF MEN.

3. IN LIGHT OF BURCHAELL'S REMARKS REFTEL C, DOES CONGEN HAVE HARD INFORMATION ELF HAS ASKED RELEASE OF BG YILMA'S ASSAILANTS AS QUID PRO QUO? DOES CONGEN HAVE ANY FURTHER

INFORMATION ON ELF TERMS FOR RELEASE OF TENNECO FIVE?

4. REQUEST THAT ADDIS AND ASMARA REPEAT ALL MESSAGES THIS SUBJECT TO OTTAWA. KISSINGER

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